



# Hawk Talk

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\*\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*\*

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, November 30, 2007 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** Video Presentation on Top Gun 2007 Scale Contest

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, Dec 5, 2007 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

### Elections are to be held at November Meeting

#### NOVEMBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, NOV 30

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Program: Video of 2007 Top Gun Scale Contest

Raffle:



Ready-to-fly Great Planes Super Sportster .40

Once again the end of the year is upon us. We have enjoyed the long season and accomplished a lot at the field and in the community. This leaves us with just one thing left to do: choose the people who will sit on the board for the club next year.

The club elections are to be held at the November meeting, and we should all attend it to make sure that our voices are heard. At the very least, you should come out and meet the guys who are going to be charged with leading the club over the next year and say thanks to those that served this year for all the hard work they did. A great amount of work got done at the field and elsewhere and many of the board members gave lots of time to bring it about. We should all thank them for their hard work.

And don't forget that this is the last meeting of the year. Our last chance to get together with the other guys, and your last chance to win at the monthly raffle or enjoy the program.

And speaking of raffles, this

month's raffle will be the best of the year. It is for a Great Planes Super Sportster that is ready to fly. The plane, radio, and motor are all together and ready to fly. Just charge it and go fly. It was donated to the club by Greg Gibson after the auction in October! No matter what, this is a great prize and is sure to deliver a lot of fun to whoever wins it.

Don't miss your chance to win and don't miss the last meeting of the year!

- editor

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Dec 1 - Christmas Party
- ★ Dec 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ Jan 1 - First Flight @ Hawk Field
- ★ January 9 - Business Meeting

## THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

### **Business Meeting.....11/7/2007**

Called to Order: 7:04

Treasurers Report – Ed Paasch

The board discussed how to spend the \$625 for Christmas gifts.

Newsletter Report – Mike Berger

Mike would like articles on your winter project.

Hawk Field

Cracks on the runway have been filled.

General Business

The slate for the 2008 board elections (November general meeting) are as follows:

President – EJ Murphy

Vice President – Bill Bender

Secretary – Nathan King

Treasurer – Ed Paasch

Field Chairman – Eric Morgan

Board members – Skip Brown, Doc Greenberg, Ralph Brown, Claude, Weimer

Next years Omahawks Auction will be held Sunday, October 12, 2008. The contract will be reviewed, signed, and a deposit paid.



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at  
[www.omahawks.org](http://www.omahawks.org)**

## REMEMBER THIS? A FEW PICS FROM THE PAST



**Don't  
Forget!**  
If you plan to fly  
at First Flight  
On January 1  
You must have  
renewed both  
your Omahawks  
Membership and  
your AMA  
Membership for  
2008

# Show and Tell

Check out what these guys brought for Show and Tell over the last couple of months. Some guys have no shame in their pursuit of four raffle tickets!



*A pillow??!!?*



Steve works hard to keep the Show and Tell bar low.



And a figurine?? EJ's been spending too much time around Steve Peck!



**At least these guys have airplanes...**



# Omahawks

## Westbrook Elementary Gets an eyeeful!

On Friday, November 9th, several modelers put on a demonstration for a family fundraiser for Westbrook Elementary School. The school is located east of 84th and Western Avenue. We were provided a gymnasium with a very high ceiling. Much electric flying was done along with a nice display. Matt, Galen and Fred had several nice large and small planes for display. Keith, Larry and Fred wowed 'em with indoor 3-D. The rest of us shook off the cobwebs with the electric helicopters. Lots of people and they enjoyed a great evening of chili, chips, pop and fun. We will be putting on another display/fly on Monday, December 3rd at the Harvey Oaks Elementary School. See Nathan Brown for details. He will have maps and information at the November meeting. Keep your eyes peeled for all of the indoor flying going on this winter. Cheers!!!

- Skip Brown



Galen always answers a lot of questions!



E.J. directs...



# Show Off!

## Flying High for the Boy Scouts

The Omahawks also went to the Boy Scouts' Jamboree at Mahoney State Park. There, thousands of scouts and their families and friends gather every three years for fun and high adventure. Once again this year the Omahawks put on a show for the kids as they flew their planes. They must have raised quite a ruckus, because after a while the cavalry showed up to check things out!

- editor

A perfect day for flying!



Eric shows off the big one...



The cavalry arrives...



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## JIM'S WACO GETS ITS FIRST FLIGHT

### HERE'S MY LATEST FIND

At an auction earlier this year, I came across what I think is a diamond in the rough. It is an old Royal Kit of a Boeing B17, built up but not completed. This kit was from the estate of a man who served as a navigator aboard a B17 in WWII. I met his son and can get the nose art from his plane and a history he wrote about his experience in the war. I'm really looking forward to finishing this plane in the colors of his unit. I think this will make a great scale project and I'll try to keep you up on the progress of the plane.

- Mike Berger - editor



The 1/5 scale Pica WACO that has been in the works for over a year now made its "maiden voyage" today. However, a bumpy landing will require some minor repair to get it back in the air.

- Jim Henley



There's the problem! The runway's too steep!



### Don't Miss the Christmas Party

December 1 at  
Venice Inn  
Contact Ralph Brown for details

### Attention Indoor Fliers!

The Cobras R/C Club has secured a new indoor flying site and invites everyone to join them for the fun. It takes place every Thursday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Community of Christ Church Gym at 140 W Kanessville Blvd in Council Bluffs, IA. A donation is all it costs to participate (\$1.00 to 3.00 suggested).

You can contact Lynn Fehr for details at [lmafehr@cox.net](mailto:lmafehr@cox.net)

## A SMALL PIECE OF OMAHAWKS HISTORY

*Recently, our good friend and long time member, Doc Greenberg, submitted this to me for inclusion in the newsletter. It is a letter he wrote in 1983 describing the origin of the Omahawks. Although I was unable to use any of the pictures he sent with it, I think you will enjoy this look at the start of our club. - editor*

This is a brief history of the Omahawks Club from its inception.

The first meeting of the Radio Control Club was held at the Hobby Center on 11-28-53. At this time the purpose of the meeting was to organize the Radio Control Club. Present at that time were Paul Ennis, Tom Valgora, Ken Oliver, Ken Picthall, Ray Brady, Les Tedasco, Richard Bohls, Robert Olson, Jim Alexander, Bob Johnson, Royal Katskee, Ken Nuss, Louis Oliver, L. McMillan. At this time they elected the officers, Paul Ennis, President, Bob Olson, Vice President, Kenny Oliver, Secretary/Treasurer. The result of this meeting were 11 paid up members. On January 29th, 1954, at the regular meeting of the Radio Control Club discussion was held and the name of Omahawks R. C. was nominated. A draft of the bylaws was prepared by Paul Ennis and Ken Oliver and presented to the members. At this time the meetings were held at the Hobby Center.

In 1955 [meetings] were held at different homes until September of 1956, at which time the meetings were moved to the Benson YMCA. At this time the club continued to function as a radio

control club, flying at Benson Park. About 1959 the meeting place was moved to Commercial Savings and Loan on North 30th Street and continued there until the 70s when it was again moved to the General Motors Training Pool Center.

During this entire time, in going over the meeting minutes, other than the primary concern of the R/C Club activities, two things were paramount in the clubs mind. The first was to get along with the neighbors, both while at Benson Park [and] while at the flying site North of Sunset Speedway, the flying site we had following this and our present flying site.

The second thing which was paramount which appears throughout the meeting minutes was safety of both spectators and participants.

On April 8 of 1964, Omahawks Radio Control Club became a nonprofit organization and at this time the name was changed to Omahawks R/C, Inc. This was duly incorporated in the State of Nebraska and has remained a nonprofit corporation in good standing since then. Throughout the years that I have been a member, and this has been since 1957, this Radio Control Club and Corporation has endeavored to be as unobtrusive as possible to get along with the people who live in the area and work with them if there are problems. And continuing to do so in spite of great odds.

- Richard S. Greenberg

**Don't forget to  
join the AMA  
for 2008**

## LAST LAST FLOAT FLY HELD

### DIE-HARD FLOAT FLIERS WON'T GIVE UP ON SEASON YET!

At the last float fly on Tuesday October 2nd, Ralph Brown suggested that the club hold a Last, Last Float Fly on Tuesday October 23rd, weather permitting.

That was a day not to be missed. The lake was just like a mirror and it stayed that way until the flying was over - no wind at all - just a perfect day that we had not had all season long.

Dick Behrens brought the bananas, and Doc Greenberg brought the hot coffee. There was no cost to the club and fifteen float planes were there. A perfect day would have gone to waste if we had not taken advantage of it. We must try it again.

All of the float fliers want to thank Captain Russ Ault for bringing his boat out for this event. We could not have flown on the lake without a boat as none of us can walk on water.

- Ralph Brown



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# 2007 Auction is Big Hit

The annual Omahawks Auction has come and gone at last. And this year's auction was a big success. Once again the auction was held at the American Legion Post in Millard. This great hall was filled to the brim with great R/C stuff and the club had one of its most successful auctions in many years. Many thanks are due to all the members who worked to bring about this success as well as the many buyers who showed up so ready to spend!

*- editor*

